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### W3 Sample

#### Essay Prompt:

Think about an **event** that you are **glad you experienced**. Write a **story** about that event. Be sure to **narrate** an event or series of events and include **specific details** in your response.

#### Score:

**5.5 out of 6**

#### Comments:

Hi Tal!

You are an engaging narrative writer who writes well above your age group. Your first sentence immediately draws the reader in, making her excited about what's going to come next. You provide sufficient details about the people, place, and events so that the reader gets a clear idea of how you feel about them. Most impressive is your use of style: Your choice of adjectives in the second paragraph really helped me feel the tension of the game. Well done!

To make this narrative even better, you could conclude with how this experience affected your life as a whole, rather than just at that moment. Why is it important for you to write about and share this particular moment with an audience? A perfect narrative (6 out of 6) would have reflected on the larger meaning or importance of the experience you described. What is the point of the story?

Finally, on the whole, the structure of the narrative, your grammar, and your vocabulary are excellent. There are a few small places where there was a typo, or small mistakes in punctuation, but I see similar mistakes made by writers at the university level. Keep up the great work!

#### Essay Body:

As I raced through the thicket of bushes and trees, my brain kept thinking that this is the best field trip ever. I was in camp Ramblewood on Outdoor Ed, a three-day field trip where everyone gets to do many fun outdoor activities.

I happened to be playing ecosurvivor which was my favorite activity, a game in which kids pretended to be carnivores, omnivores, or herbivores and tried to eat (by tagging) other kids. I unluckily was an omnivore and the carnivores teamed up with the herbivores to make it almost impossible to tag them. I was trying to elude a carnivore that was hot on my trail. I made a sharp turn into a very small trail covered by bushes in the forest and lost the chasing carnivore. Seconds later I ran face-to-face with the one person no kid wished

#### Suggested Changes:

- 1) a **semi-colon (;)** would be better here.

to see- Dr. Death. Dr. Death can kill anyone he sees whenever he wants to. I quickly pivoted and ran behind some bushes in which Dr. Death ran by without noticing me. I stumbled right in front of a box of water cards. I needed to get two water cards and two food cards plus stay alive in order to win the game. Unfortunately, I was now trapped between two carnivores with only one life left. I had been eliminated from the game.

Even though I didn't win that game, I still had a great time during Outdoor Ed because there were many more fun activities to attend that made this field trip so sweet. Plus **I'm** missing school in a way and my birthday **was** halfway through it.

- 2) Be careful of your tenses. This should also be in the **past tense**, as it takes place at the same time as the rest of the narrative.
- 3) Better word choice: **took place**